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## **Bulgaria**

### **Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards**

#### ***Update on New Veterinary Import Certificates***

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**Report Highlights:** This is an update of GAINs Report BU1005. The Bulgarian Veterinary Service has established a four month phase-in period for bi-lingual import certificates. Thus, effective October 1, 2001, all U.S. exports of animal products and feed must have USDA certificates in both Bulgarian and English languages, in order to enter Bulgaria.

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**Summary:** The Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture's National Veterinary service has proposed a four month phase in period for bilingual certificate use and removed (temporarily) any EU certification requirements for third country imports. Thus, effective October 1, 2001, all U.S. exports of animal and feed products must be accompanied by USDA issued certificates in both the English and Bulgarian language.

Thus, future imports of livestock, sub-products, additives and forages, will be imported in Bulgaria only with veterinary certificates issued by officially authorized veterinary authorities of the country of origin in Bulgarian language and in the language of the country of origin, or an internationally recognized language. The FAS' Sofia office is now seeking FSIS and APHIS certificates for translation and approval. No additional or national (Bulgarian Veterinary Service) certificates will be required.

**Unofficial Translation of Ordinance 09-600:** Published in Official Gazette No. 47, in Sofia on May 18, 2001:

Based on article 3 in relation to article 44 of the Veterinary Law I, the following is ordered: Change and add Ordinance #RD 09-267 dated 23.02.2001 as follows: (1) In paragraph one the words "Effective May 1, 2001" are changed to "Effective October 1, 2001." (2) A new paragraph three is established with the following text: " The General Director of the National Veterinary Medical Service must approve format and content of certificates under paragraph one ."

**Trade Impact:** In CY2000, the U.S. exported almost \$10 million in pork, beef and poultry (and products) to Bulgaria, according to local import statistics.